

of soybeans, beef, pork, poultry, and products of such commodities (including soybean meal, soybean oil, textured vegetable protein, and soy protein concentrates and isolates) using programs established under—

(A) the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.);

(B) section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1431);

(C) titles I and II of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(D) the Food for Progress Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1736o).

(h) EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT.—The entire amount necessary to carry out this section and the amendments made by this section shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for the entire amount, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act.

LOTT AMENDMENT NO. 1501

Mr. LOTT proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1233, *supra*; as follows:

On page 21, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture to implement—

(1) sections 143 or 147(3) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7253, 7256(3));

(2) the final decision for the consolidation and reform of Federal milk marketing orders, as published in the Federal Register on April 2, 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 16025); or

(3) section 738 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-30).

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on August 3, 1999, in SH-216 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the farm crisis.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

POINT CABRILLO LIGHTHOUSE

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today, I recognize an important and historic restoration project now nearing completion in Mendocino, California. While the North Coast of California is renowned for its natural beauty and breathtaking views, in Mendocino there is another coastal landmark that has captured the imagination of this rugged region. Built in 1908, the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse is a living reminder of California's maritime history. And on August 6th, the Lighthouse celebrates the 90th anniversary of the first lighting of its light.

This one-of-a-kind structure was originally built by the United States Lighthouse Service to protect the legendary "doghole schooners" that plied the lumber trade between San Francisco and California's northern coast at the turn of the century. The Lighthouse was turned over to the U.S. Coast Guard in 1939, and still houses Coast Guard navigational aids and monitoring equipment. However, the Lighthouse structure and its rare Fresnel lens suffered significant damage after many years of neglect. Then, in 1998, the California Coastal Conservancy and North Coast Interpretive Association stepped forward to restore and reinstate the original Fresnel lens, and to renovate the Lighthouse for use as an educational and interpretive center.

Thanks to the efforts of the people of Mendocino, the Coastal Conservancy and the North Coast Interpretive Association, the Lighthouse restoration project will soon be complete. A week-end of festivities will celebrate the Lighthouse's revival and highlight the attractions of the Point Cabrillo Preserve and Light Station. This celebration will acknowledge the efforts of the many volunteers and community partners that also helped make this project a success.

It is important to take the time to applaud the restoration of this nationally significant, historic landmark. I also think it is important to recognize the significance of community projects such as the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse, which serve as invaluable, irreplaceable links to our common past and as unique educational tools for the future. I commend the efforts that have gone into this restoration project, and send the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse volunteers and other partners my best wishes for their continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF NEWTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the town of Newton, New Hampshire on its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The town's residents will celebrate this historic occasion on August 15, 1999 with a number of festivities in-

cluding a parade and an "Olde Fashioned Fireman's Muster".

Newton's rich and fruitful history dates back to 1639 when families first settled in the area granted by England known as New Salisbury (Amesbury). Newton's actual township was incorporated in 1749, allowing the people to elect their own officials and to hold town meetings.

Much of the frontier region was wild country inhabited by the Naumkeag Indians. The settlers and the Naumkeags had generally peaceful relations, relying on one another for trading purposes. The greatest danger facing the settlers came from the war parties of the Mic Macs, who originated from the area now known as Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. These hostile groups conducted violent raids as far south as Connecticut, killing large numbers of local populations. With a combination of the settlers' admirable fortitude and the recurring epidemics of disease, these native populations were nearly wiped out.

Newton residents have persevered in other ways throughout the years, courageously serving and defending America. They have participated in the French and Indian Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. Newton's citizens are always willing to serve our Nation when called upon.

I congratulate the town of Newton, and it's dedicated and patriotic citizens. I am proud to serve the residents of Newton in the United States Senate.●

ICELANDIC HERITAGE

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Icelandic heritage of our country and of the state of North Dakota.

For a century it has been North Dakota's custom to set aside time to honor the contributions of Icelanders to North Dakota. In order to honor the thousands of people of Icelandic descent that reside in my state, the Governor has proclaimed July 30 to August 2 as Icelandic Heritage Days.

Icelandic Heritage Days culminates with a celebration of the historical presentation of a new constitution to the Icelandic Parliament. This occurred on August the second, or "August the Deuce," as many Icelanders call it, 1874 by King Kristjan the Ninth. This action formally freed Iceland from hundreds of years of Danish rule.

In 1878, people of Icelandic descent first settled in northeastern North Dakota. Since this time, Icelandic-Americans have been instrumental in the development of their communities and my state. One settler, E.H. Bergman, was a member of the Territorial Legislature, which passed legislation enabling the establishment of the states of North and South Dakota. Since Bergman's time, many more people of Icelandic descent have represented

their constituencies in the ND Legislature and state government.

Mr. President, this year's celebration is especially noteworthy because an honored dignitary, the Honorable Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, the President of Iceland, will be in attendance. This visit will mark the first time that an Icelandic head-of-state has visited North Dakota.

It is a pleasure to have President Grimsson visit North Dakota, and a privilege to honor Icelandic-Americans for all they have done for North Dakota and this great country.●

ANGELO QUARANTA

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today, I extend special birthday wishes to a very special Californian, Angelo Quaranta, whose birthday is August 8.

Angelo is perhaps best known as the owner and driving force behind Allegro, an Italian restaurant on San Francisco's Russian Hill. Regardless of whether you are the Governor, the Mayor, a community organizer or just someone looking for a wonderful plate of pasta, Angelo's grace and easy manner always make you feel welcome.

Angelo was born in Taranto, Italy in 1934. Before leaving his homeland for San Francisco in 1960, he attended the police academy and became national Judo champion while serving with the Italian Police Force. Upon arriving in San Francisco, he first worked as a window washer and then began a distinguished career in the insurance industry.

Cooking may be Angelo's passion, but he can be found in many more places than the kitchen. He has long been active in local government and is a leader in community affairs. He is currently president of the Commission of Parking and Traffic, and served on San Francisco's Recreation and Park Commission. In the 1970's, he operated an Italian television station that broadcast programming from Italy. He founded Unione Sportiva Italia, and has been active in numerous efforts to celebrate the invaluable contributions of Italians and Italian-Americans to the life of the city and nation. Angelo has served as a member of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and founded Candlelight Again, an organization comprised of restaurant owners and their patrons dedicated to raising funds for community needs. In recognition of his work, and in addition to many other honors, the Mayor's Office has twice proclaimed it "Angelo Quaranta Day in San Francisco."

Angelo has two adult daughters who live with their husbands and children in Italy. It is a pleasure to join them and the larger civic family Angelo continues to nurture in San Francisco in wishing him a joyous 65th birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO HONOR BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the

Bedford Presbyterian Church which is celebrating its 250th Anniversary on August 15, 1999. The church first organized on August 15, 1749 and has been serving the people of Bedford ever since.

The church was founded under the rules of Massachusetts Colony who deeded the land to the New Hampshire and also mandated that in order to organize a town there must be land for a church, a minister, and an orthodox ministry. The church was thus formed in 1749 and the town charter was signed the next year.

As a person of strong religious convictions, I applaud the services and strong sense of family and community that the church has provided to its community. Furthermore, I applaud their monthly celebrations of this historic event.

I commend the Bedford Presbyterian Church and wish them luck in the next 250 years. It is an honor to represent the members of Bedford Presbyterian Church in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL BARRY COSTELLO

● Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Rear Admiral (Select) Barry Costello, United States Navy, for the excellent job he has done as the Director of Senate Liaison for the Navy. I want to recognize Admiral Costello for his many achievements and commend him for the exemplary service he has provided to the Senate, to the Navy, and to our great nation.

Barry Costello is a sailor's sailor who has distinguished himself through his seamanship, tactical acumen, and inspiring leadership. He has served on some of our country's finest warships, including command of the destroyer U.S.S. *Elliot* (DD 967). Prior to coming to the Senate, he commanded the prestigious "Little Beavers" of Destroyer Squadron 23, following in the footsteps of Admiral Arleigh "Thirty-One Knot" Burke, who famously led the "Little Beavers" to a decisive victory over Japanese forces in the Battle of Cape Saint George in 1943.

In March 1997, Admiral Costello took the helm of the Navy's Senate Liaison Office. His integrity, enthusiasm, and foresight have earned the admiration of all members of the Senate who have worked with him, and it is not an exaggeration to say that through his service to the Senate, Barry Costello has helped to ensure that our Navy remains the best trained, best equipped, and best prepared naval force in the world.

Mr. President, Rear Admiral (Select) Barry Costello exemplifies what is best in the Navy and in America. The Senate, the Navy and the American people are indebted to him for his many years of distinguished service. As he departs for his first assignment as a flag officer, I know that my colleagues wish Barry, his wife LuAnne, and their sons Aidan and Brendan the very best. I

have a feeling we will work with Barry again in another more important role for our Navy and our nation.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT STEPHEN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert Stephen of Manchester, New Hampshire for his appointment to Director of Community Development Services at New Hampshire's Department of Resources and Economic Development.

After ten years of service as a New Hampshire State Senator, Democratic Leader from 1984 to 1990, Robert was appointed Deputy Executive Director of the New Hampshire Job Training Council. In this capacity Robert was responsible for providing New Hampshire businesses with the skilled labor needed to grow and be successful and New Hampshire citizens with the skills they need to become self-sufficient. He has also been a driving force in workforce development by overseeing the state's Rapid Response effort and convening the Statewide Business Relations Team.

Not only has Robert taken on the task of improving the New Hampshire workforce, but he has been an asset to his community. He has won numerous Multiple Sclerosis Fund-Raising Awards, was a former member of the New Hampshire State Athletic Commission, has received the Easter Seal VIP Award and has been a business owner in downtown Manchester. On top of all this service, Robert was also able to become a three-time New Hampshire Golden Gloves Boxing Champion.

Robert's new responsibility as Director of Community Development Services will give him the opportunity to cultivate a stronger and more job ready workforce, meeting the needs and specifications of New Hampshire companies. His presence at the New Hampshire Job Training Council will surely be missed.

I want to commend Robert Stephen for his hard work on behalf of New Hampshire citizens and wish him luck in his new endeavor. It is an honor to represent Robert in the United States Senate.●

TAXPAYER REFUND ACT OF 1999

On July 30, 1999, the Senate amended and passed H.R. 2488. The text of the bill follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2488) entitled "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to sections 105 and 211 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000," do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; ETC.

(a) *SHORT TITLE*.—This Act may be cited as the "Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999".

(b) *AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE*.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or